



# NZ Super & Income Tax — Quick Reference Guide

If you are a tax resident of the Cook Islands, and you are paid New Zealand Super (NZ Super), you must include these payments in your annual Income Tax return as Overseas Income (currently Box 15 of the return). This income is taxable in the Cook Islands, not New Zealand. All payments of NZ Super to Cook Islands residents are paid in Gross amounts from Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ) with nil tax deducted.

## Calculating your income tax

If an individual taxpayer has no income other than NZ Super, their liability for a full tax year will be calculated at 17% of the gross amount of NZ Super they receive annually, in excess of exemption entitlements.

Gross Amount of Super received	\$22,128.60
Deduct Income Tax Exemption**	\$11,000.00
Total Taxable Income	\$11,128.60
Tax payable on Taxable income @ 17%***	\$1891.86

Example calculations are based on the NZ Super 'Single sharing rate' payment of \$22,128.60.\*\*\*\*

## Completing your tax return

Taxpayers receiving NZ Super payments, need to obtain an RMD (Revenue Management Division) number and complete an Income Tax Return each year, declaring the 'Gross' amount of NZ Super received at Box 15: Overseas Income of the Individual Income Tax Return Form (RM5).

15) Overseas Income:	Gross	Tax Withheld
Net overseas income in Cook Islands currency	\$	\$
Tax paid cannot exceed C.I. equivalent tax payable	¢	¢
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Direct extraction from: 2018 Individual Income Tax Return Form (RM5).

You will need to complete an Individual Income Tax Return Form (RM5) each year for yourself. You can complete your tax returns online at <https://tax.cookislands.gov.ck/>

## When are tax returns due?

The Cook Islands tax year is **1 January - 31 December**.

If you earn a pension, salary, or wage the due date for filing your income tax return is **1 March** following the year you are filing for.

## Paying your income tax.

The due date for paying any outstanding income tax is the **1 October\*** the following tax year. Additional tax applied as of **1 November.\*** This means, you usually have 8 months to pay any outstanding income tax.

Example: Income received in 2018 – will be declared by 1 March 2019 and payment is due 1 October 2019. Subject to Additional tax as of 1 November 2019.

### Payment options:

- Electronic payments
  - Online Banking funds transfer
  - Automatic payment
  - Direct credit
- EFTPOS (Credit/Debt Cards) BSP
- Cheque
- Cash (In Office only)

### When making electronic payments, include:

- Your RMD number
- A tax type code (INC = Income Tax)
- The period the payment relates to (Year ending December 2018 = 1218)

Example: RMD 12345 Income tax for December 2018 period, payment reference: 12345INC1218



## Log online for more

Go to [tax.cookislands.gov.ck](https://tax.cookislands.gov.ck) to register. You will be emailed in return with a temporary password, which can be changed to your preferred password when you log in. For assistance contact Revenue Management on 29365.

\*Income Tax Act 97. Section 160 (2)

\*\*Income Tax Act 97. Section 190 (1)

\*\*\*Income Tax Act 97. Section 44

\*\*\*\*As of April 2018

\*Allocation of taxing rights with NZ. Article 5. Pensions.